

To whom it concerns:

Amateur radio has expanded to cover many areas. In general I support the FISTS position. I believe the up grade test to General class should be far more technical and procedure oriented and not require the code. The Extra is just that, EXTRA. It should require the code and I feel it is easier to learn it at a speed closer to 10 wpm as compared to 5 wpm.

I suggest giving the technician and novices that still exist full General status. Then turn the novice sub bands into an area for digital or slowscan work. SSB really does not require more space. It just needs operators to run the radio as it is engineered so it won't splatter over 3 kc wide and am, while I truly enjoy it's sound, is a huge waste of spectrum and can be done away with.